

The regular monthly meeting of the Altoona Water Authority Board of Directors was held on Thursday, May 19, 2016 in the board room at the Administrative Office. The Chairman, Mr. Lawruk called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance:

Mr. Lawruk, Mr. Ake, Mr. Schirf, Mr. Neugebauer, and Ms. Marcinko (by phone) were present, constituting a quorum in accordance with AWA Bylaws. All AWA Board of Directors meetings are conducted in accordance with the PA Sunshine Laws. AWA Staff representatives attending were, Mark Perry, Mike Sinisi, Todd Musser and Kathy Gabella

Guests: David Gaines and David Consiglio of Miller, Kistler & Campbell and Mayor Matt Pacifico

Approval of the Minutes:

Mr. Neugebauer moved on the motion to approve the minutes for April 21, 2016 meeting Mr. Schirf seconded the motion. Mr. Lawruk called the question. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Unfinished Business:

1. Mill Run Mag Meter Install - Pictures were disbursed showing how the old mag meter at Mill Run was removed. The new meter has been installed and in service for a week.
2. Tipton 16 – inch Transmission Main Cleaning & Lining – Work is being done to keep customers in service while the actual cleaning and lining is being completed. This project is on schedule. The project was advertised April 18, 2016 with the mandatory pre-bid meeting on May 2, 2016. The bids are due back by June 6th and hopefully will be awarded at the June 23rd board meeting. Construction is to begin the end of July. This cleaning and lining project is in part, in preparation of the Bellwood Plant to be off line for dam repairs and plant upgrades.
3. Maintenance Storage Facility (Russo Property) – City planning has approved the plans and has given the agreement back to the Authority for signatures. A financial security letter was requested by the City and it will be given to them next week. All requested information has been given to the Blair County Conservation District; if they find any other information is needed staff requested a phone call to help expedite the process.

The land preparation will be done in-house and is scheduled to begin in two (2) weeks. The concrete foundation and walls will be contracted out and done in late summer. The pole building is expected to be done next year.

4. Sanitary Sewer Inflow & Infiltration Investigation Areas M, R & U – Smoke testing began at the end of April and to date phases one (1) through six (6) have been completed. The

final two (2) phases will begin in the next two (2) weeks. The violations found are as follows: twelve (12) downspouts; two (2) outside foundation drains; three (3) service laterals; forty-four (44) open/broken cleanouts; two (2) catch basin/area drains and seven (7) random areas where smoke came from the ground.

5. Bellwood Reservoir – This project is in the final design stage. The geotechnical report has been received. The final design will be submitted to DEP in September.

Bellwood Borough owns a 3.16 acre tract of land they would like to transfer to the Authority as partial payment on a debt they owe for water furnished to them by other AWA sources when the Bellwood Reservoir was out of service in 2015. The agreement is the Authority will put \$50,000.00 (negotiated value of land) toward that debt leaving Bellwood Borough with a payment due of approximately \$6,000.00. The Authority needs this parcel as a staging area while work on the dam is being done and then as replacement of wetlands after completion of the dam.

6. Pre-Treatment Rules & Regulations – Attorney David Gaines of Miller, Kistler & Campbell Law firm gave a handout on the new rules and regulations for the board to review. He explained the industrial pretreatment program and how some of the changes will save the Authority expenses in treating wastewater.

Requisition Approval:

Mr. Lawruk asked Mr. Perry for the Financial Report and the Requisitions/Authorizations. Mr. Perry asked for approval of the following requisitions.

1. Requisition #50 Water Division Construction Fund totaling – \$87,970.00

This requisition is for the system wide meter replacement project.

2. Requisition #2015-16 Water Division Capital Project Fund totaling - \$27,267.54

This is for the engineering for Bellwood Dam and Mill Run Treatment Plant Mag-Meter purchases.

3. Requisition #2016-4 Water Revenue Surplus Fund totaling - \$57,375.88

This is for the purchase of chlorine, a PH probe and controllers for the Plane 9 and the Tipton Treatment Plants. It is also for the purchase of a pick-up for the Meter Shop; a pressure reducing valve for the Pottsgrove system and another pressure reducing valve for the Juniata system. There is also a small amount for the Tipton pump.

Mr. Schirf made a motion to approve the requisitions. Mr. Ake seconded the motion. Mr. Lawruk called the question. Motion passed with a unanimous vote of 5-0.

New Business:

1. Resolution # 16-05-818 to authorize the purchase from Bellwood Borough Authority (BBA) of a certain 3.16 acre parcel of land in Antis Township for the sum of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) dollars, to authorize execution of necessary documents by the General Manager subject to approval of documents by the solicitor, conveyance to be by Quitclaim Deed with payment to be made in the form of a credit against certain debt owed by BBA to the AWA.

Mr. Ake made a motion to approve Resolution #16-05-818. Mr. Neugebauer seconded the motion. Mr. Lawruk called the question. Motion passed with a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Other Business:

None

Media Questions and Public Comment

The board and staff addressed questions from Bill Kibler from the Altoona Mirror and Mr. Dennis Stewart.

Executive Session:

An executive session was called at 9:50 for personnel issues.

Adjournment:

The meeting reconvened at 10:17. The board and staff recognized Mr. Tom Martin for his ten (10) years of service on the Altoona Water Authority Board. No further business was brought before the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 23, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the Administrative Office Building located at 900 Chestnut Avenue.



Secretary/Assistant Secretary

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